

September 30, 2016

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of the Lifeline/Link Up and Tribal Lifeline Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Enventis Telecom, Inc. dba Consolidated Communications for the State of North Dakota

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing for approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and N.D. Cent. Code § 49-21-01.7 is the Lifeline/Link Up and Tribal Lifeline Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Enventis Telecom, Inc. dba Consolidated Communications for the State of North Dakota.

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Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,


Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: William D. VanderSluis (via email)
Pam Lehrke (via email)

**Lifeline/Link Up and Tribal Lifeline Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
and
Enventis Telecom, Inc. dba Consolidated Communications
for the State of North Dakota**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink"), a Colorado corporation, and Enventis Telecom, Inc. dba Consolidated Communications ("CLEC"). CenturyLink and CLEC shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the state of North Dakota which was approved by the Commission on May 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the FCC altered the obligations of incumbent local exchange carriers to resell certain telecommunications services in FCC Order No. 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, removing the requirement to offer resale of telephone assistance plans ("TAP").

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement further under the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms and conditions for telephone assistance plans (TAP), including but not limited to Lifeline/Link Up and Tribal Lifeline services as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective as of August 15, 2016, in accordance with the FCC Order 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015.

Further Amendments


Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Enventis Telecom, Inc. dba Consolidated Communications

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Signature

Carrie Rice

Name Printed/Typed

Manager - Legislative and Regulatory

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Signature

Diane Roth

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Director – Wholesale

Title

9/2/2016

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

The following language is added or hereby replaces the existing language, in the Agreement, in its entirety:

Section 6.0 – RESALE

6.2 Terms and Conditions

6.2.2.3 Residential services are available for resale by CLEC only to the same class of End User Customers eligible to purchase these services from CenturyLink. Telephone assistance plans (TAP), including but not limited to Lifeline/Link-up and Tribal Lifeline services, are not available for resale.

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